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THE BOROUGH OF BRIDPORT.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR

1956.

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Public Health Office,
32, South Street,
Bridport,
Dorset.

June, 1957.

To Her Worship the Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors
of the Borough of Bridport.

Madam Mayor, Aldermen, Councillors,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report for
the year 1956.

The Report is set out in sections in the following order :-

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I am deeply grateful for the courtesy and consideration
extended to me by Members of the Council and for the co-operation
of my colleagues on the Council staff, especially Mr. Till, the
Public Health Inspector, for his assistance in the preparation of
this report.

I am, your obedient servant,

A. Armit.

Medical Officer of Health.

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

Medical Officer of Health.....Adam Armit, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H..
Public Health Inspector and
Meat Inspector.....D.H. Till, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I..
Clerk to the Medical Officer..... Miss B.E. Lawrence.

STATISTICS OF THE AREA.

Area in acres.	775.
Registrar General's estimate of population	6,730.
No. of inhabited houses (according to the Rate Books as at end of 1956)	..	2159.
Rateable Value.	£92,448.
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£395.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS.

<u>Live Births.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	
Total Births.	42	40	Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated
Legitimate.	37	39	resident population - 12.18 Crude.
Illegitimate.	5	1	13.03 Corrected.
			Comparability Factor 1.07

<u>Still Births.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	
Total Still Births.	1	-	Still Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated
Legitimate.	1	-	resident population - 0.15

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of Age.

	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	
Total.	1	1	Death Rate all Infants per 1,000
Legitimate.	1	1	notified Births - 24.4

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of Age.

	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	
Total.	1	-	Death Rate of Infants under 4 weeks per
Legitimate.	1	-	1,000 notified births - 12.2

Deaths from Puerperal Causes.....Nil.

Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still births.....Nil.

Deaths at all ages and from all Causes.

	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	
	45	68	Death Rate per 1,000 estimated resident
			population - 16.79 Crude.
			10.75 Corrected.
			Comparability Factor- 0.64.

Note.. Comparability Factor.

This is worked out for each District by the Registrar General. Its object is to level out differences in the age and sex constitution of the populations of the various Districts and its use enables us to obtain standardised birth and death rates which are more fairly comparable and more accurate than the crude rates.

CAUSES OF DEATH AT ALL AGES.

Registrar General's Official Returns.

	Males.		Females		Total.
	1-3 Qrts.	4 Qrt.	1-3 Qrts.	4 Qrt.	
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory.	-	-	-	-	-
2. Tuberculosis, other.	-	-	-	-	-
3. Syphilitic Disease.	-	-	-	-	-
4. Diphtheria.	-	-	-	-	-
5. Whooping Cough.	-	-	-	-	-
6. Meningococcal infections.	-	-	-	-	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis.	-	-	-	-	-
8. Measles.	-	-	-	-	-
9. Other infective & parasitic diseases.	-	-	-	-	-
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach.	1	1	2	1	5
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus.	2	-	-	-	2
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast.	-	-	2	-	2
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus.	-	-	-	2	2
14. Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms.	3	-	5	2	10
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia.	-	-	-	-	-
16. Diabetes.	-	-	2	1	3
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system.	5	4	6	2	17
18. Coronary disease, angina.	6	4	8	2	20
19. Hypertension with heart disease.	1	-	2	-	3
20. Other heart disease.	6	-	17	4	27
21. Other circulatory disease.	-	2	1	-	3
22. Influenza.	-	-	-	-	-
23. Pneumonia.	-	-	3	-	3
24. Bronchitis.	-	1	1	-	2
25. Other diseases of respiratory system.	-	-	-	-	-
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum.	-	-	1	-	1
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea,	-	-	-	-	-
28. Nephritis and nephrosis.	-	-	-	-	-
29. Hyperplasia of prostate.	5	1	-	-	6
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion.	-	-	-	-	-
31. Congenital malformations.	-	-	-	-	-
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases.	3	-	2	1	6
33. Motor vehicle accidents.	-	-	-	-	-
34. All other accidents.	-	-	-	-	-
35. Suicide.	-	-	1	-	1
36. Homicide and operations of war.	-	-	-	-	-
Total.	32	13	53	15	113

OTHER VITAL STATISTICS.

	1938	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
Population.....	5732	6374	5948	6045	6081	6271	6379	6397	6660	6750	6730
Rateable Value.....	£41366	£44718	£44388	£46131	£47181	£48167	£49096	£49246	£52602	£53211	£52448
Estimated Produce of a Penny Rate...	£162	£176	£181	£180	£190	£190	£192	£195	£208	£208	£395
<u>BIRTHS.</u>											
Live Births.....	67	124	104	97	99	101	100	80	89	85	82
Legitimate.....	66	118	99	92	94	96	95	76	85	83	76
Illegitimate.....	1	6	5	5	5	5	5	4	4	2	6
Still Births.....	4	4	1	-	3	4	3	2	2	3	1
Live Birth Rate (crude).....	11.7	19.5	17.5	16.05	16.3	16.1	15.7	12.5	13.4	12.6	12.18
Live Birth Rate (corrected).....					17.3	16.9	16.5	13.1	14.3	13.8	13.03
Live Birth Rate (Eng. & Wales).....	15.6	20.6	17.9	16.7	15.8	15.5	15.3	15.5	15.2	15.0	15.7
<u>DEATHS.</u>											
Total Deaths.....	87	89	89	80	108	102	88	129	125	112	113
Death Rate (crude).....	11.8	14.0	15.0	13.2	17.8	16.3	13.8	20.2	18.8	16.6	16.79
Death Rate (corrected).....				10.1	13.5	12.2	10.3	15.1	14.1	12.5	10.75
Death Rate (Eng. & Wales).....	11.6	12.0	10.8	11.7	11.6	12.5	11.3	11.4	11.3	11.7	11.7
<u>INFANT MORTALITY.</u>											
Deaths under 1 year.....	7	3	3	2	4	4	-	2	1	1	2
Infantile Death Rate.....	104.5	24.2	28.8	20.6	40.4	39.6	-	25	11.3	11.8	24.4
Infantile Death Rate. (Eng. & Wales).	53	41.4	33.9	32.4	29.6	29.7	27.6	26.8	25.4	24.9	23.8
<u>MATERNAL MORTALITY.</u>											
Maternal Mortality.....	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maternal Mortality Rate.....	-	-	-	-	9.8	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maternal Mortality Rate (Eng. & Wales)	2.97	1.17	1.02	0.98	0.86	0.79	0.72	0.76	0.69	0.64	0.56

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water Supplies.

Since the last report there has been very little change in the water supply to the Borough.

In February, a joint meeting was held between representatives of the four Local Authorities in West Dorset, Dorset County Council, the Ministry of Housing and Local Government and the two Statutory Water Undertakers viz the Bridport Water Works Company and the Lyme Regis Water Works Company, to discuss the question of water supplies in West Dorset and the formation of a Joint Committee or Water Board. It was recommended that the four West Dorset Local Authorities and the County Council be asked to agree to the appointment of a joint committee consisting of two members from each of these bodies, and the terms of reference to be, "to consider to what extent grouping of water undertakings in West Dorset appears to them desirable, and the means by which it may be best achieved and report upon their conclusions to the participating bodies, and to consider the advisability of obtaining a report as to the engineering works necessary to incorporate existing installations and proposed schemes in the area in a comprehensive system of supply, and that pending approval of the constitution of the joint committee and the holding of its first meeting, the Local Authorities and other Statutory Water Undertakers represented at the meeting or operating in the area be asked to furnish such financial, technical, and other information as will enable a report to be prepared for presentation to the first meeting of the joint committee as to the financial aspect of the joint operation of water undertakings in the area".

In December, a Joint Meeting was held to consider a report by the County Public Health Engineer, in which he advised that a joint water scheme would be the most satisfactory way of supplying the whole of West Dorset, and that the two schemes which had been prepared on behalf of the Beaminster and Bridport Rural District Councils could be linked together, modified, and augmented, to serve West Dorset.

Approximately 100 houses take their water from outside taps.

4 samples of mains water, which is chlorinated, were taken for bacteriological analyses, and all were satisfactory.

Chemical Analysis. (in parts per million).

Appearance - Bright with a few mineral particles.

Colour	Nil.	Turbidity.	under 3
pH.	7.5	Odour.	Nil
Electric Conductivity.	385.	Free Carbon Dioxide.	9
Chlorine present as Chloride.	20.	Total solids.	260
Hardness: Total.	210.	Alkalinity as Calcium Carbonate.	175
Nitrate Nitrogen.	2.2	Carbonate.	175
Ammoniacal Nitrogen.	0.000	Non-Carbonate.	35
Albuminoid Nitrogen.	0.000	Nitrite Nitrogen under	0.01
Metals	Absent.	Oxygen Absorbed.	0.10
		Residual Chlorine.	absent.

I am grateful to the Water Works Company's Engineer for his co-operation during the year.

Drainage and Sewerage.

There has been no change from previous reports in the main drainage and outfall.

Sewer Outfall.

In April, the Borough Surveyor submitted a report following his inspection of the sewer outfall, when it was found that no major section of the outfall had been washed away but that repairs in the form of renewing a number of timber piles and provision of metal straps to strengthen and secure the sewer pipes where necessary.

The Consultants were asked to obtain estimates immediately for the extension of the outfall as previously agreed and also estimates for its extension by the addition of a third length of pipe.

In September, the Council agreed to accept the Consultants recommendations of extending the sewer by 26 feet, that the work be put in hand immediately and that it be carried out on a day work basis. In November, the Council were informed that the contractors had commenced work on 22nd. October.

Coneygar Road, Sewer.

The Coneygar Road sewer extension was completed at the end of the year; the new sewer is not yet in use as the two private estate developers have not laid their private sewers.

St. Andrews Road, Sewer.

Regarding the sewer from the Laundry to East Road, the Ministry, in March, requested the Council to defer this scheme for the present in view of the restrictions on capital expenditure and that in the meantime an analysis of the present and future hydraulic conditions in the whole length of the sewer from Bradpole to West Bay should be prepared and forwarded to the Ministry. In May, the Council decided to instruct the Borough Surveyor to undertake the work.

250 feet of new drains to Council Houses, and 2,060 feet of new drains to private buildings were installed during the year,

Rivers.

No serious pollution occurs in the rivers Brit, Asker and Simene during their course through the Borough.

Public Cleansing.

Three men are employed full-time and two men part-time in refuse collection. One refuse collection lorry is fully employed while one is employed part-time. The refuse is tipped on a site at Bothenhampton where a man is fully employed to keep the tip tidy and recover metal salvage.

A total of 1,950 loads of refuse were collected from approximately 2810 dustbins. During the year 45 tons. $6\frac{3}{4}$ cwts. of waste paper and 4 tons. 6 cwts. of miscellaneous salvage were collected and sold. All tins are tipped on the refuse disposal site.

Street cleaning was carried out by 4 full-time sweepers with street orderly carts, and a total of 6 miles were swept daily; 1 mile three times weekly; 2 miles twice weekly and 3 miles once weekly.

Petroleum Spirit and Carbide.

Petroleum (Consolidation) Act. 1928.

Petroleum (Regulation) Acts. 1928 and 1936.

No. of petroleum licences granted during the year.....29.
No. of inspections carried out.....12.

Shops and Offices.

37 visits were made. An Order was made under Section 51 of the Shops Act, 1950, permitting shops at West Bay to open for the sale of souvenirs, toys, photographic requirements, etc. for 18 Sundays of each summer.

Smoke Abatement.

No action was taken under this heading.

Fouling of Footways by Dogs.

No action was taken under the Byelaws.

Eradication of Vermin.

21 treatments were carried out in 9 houses for the eradication of fleas.

Rodent Control.

This work has been carried out by the Council's part-time Rodent operator who investigated 158 complaints in addition to his routine and sewer treatments. In connection with this latter work, considerable assistance has been received from the Divisional Rodent Officer from the Ministry of Agriculture which is greatly appreciated. Results of the sewer treatments indicate the existence of a large number of rats despite the intensive treatments of the last two years. It would seem that bi-annual baiting and poisoning of the sewers is to become a permanent feature of rodent control in the Borough.

The provision of the patent man-hole cover lifter has saved many man hours during the year.

Poisons used, were Warfarin, 5 lbs, Antu, 8 ozs, and Zinc Phosphide, 2 lbs.

Total number of visits - (a) sewer treatments 500
(b) general 1179.

Pet Animals Act. 1951.

There is one licensed pet shop in the district which has been inspected on two occasions and found to be satisfactory for the keeping of birds and fish.

Camping Sites.

Apart from a few sites with a single caravan on each, the main site is at West Bay and is owned by the Council who employ a full-time Supervisor and two men during the camping season which lasts from 1st. April - 30th. September. Water is supplied to various standpipes near which are concrete tanks for the reception of foul water and which are emptied regularly by a tank emptier. There are water closets, and hot and cold showers. A daily collection of refuse from covered metal receptacles scattered through the camp field is made during August and three times a week for the rest of the season. No caravans are allowed to remain on the site after 30th. September.

It is estimated that there were accommodated during the season 700 caravans, 1000 tents, 1000 cars, and 200 motor cycles.

Schools.

These are regularly inspected. All have water closets, piped water and washing facilities. All are supplied daily with Pasteurised milk.

Flooding.

Flooding occurred in East Road and West Bay Road although not to the same extent as in the previous year.

Statutory Notices Served.

Public Health Act. 36. Sec. 24.....	2.	Complied with.....	2.
Local Govt. (Misc. Prov.) A. 53. Sec. 10..	3.	" "	3.
Housing Act. 36. Sec. 29.....	7.	" "	2.
" " " Sec. 168.....	8.	" "	8.

Informal Notices Served.

Public Health Act. (Nuisances).....	8.	Complied with.....	8.
Food Hygiene Regulations.....	49.	" "	26.
Housing Act. Repairs.....	5.	" "	2.

Public Health complaints received.....82.

Total number of visits paid.....1916.

Swimming and Bathing Pools.

There is no indoor swimming bath. Bathing takes place during the summer in the sea and in the river mouth which is dammed back for water polo and other aquatic sports.

13 water samples from the river were taken by the Public Health Inspector who tried the experiment of chlorination in the river mouth before the annual swimming Gala but the results were not successful.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Slaughterhouse and Meat Inspection.

There is only one slaughterhouse in the area, the building being owned by the Council and leased to the Bridport and District Master Butchers Slaughtering Company Ltd. The business is well conducted and the standard of cleanliness good, but the premises are below accepted standards for slaughterhouses particularly in regard to the absence of a hanging room. This means that animals are slaughtered and dressed in the same room where dressed carcasses and offal are hanging to cool, an obviously undesirable practice. The Council are anxious to secure the closure of these premises on or before July, 1959 the date laid down by the slaughterhouses Act, 1954, as the limit of their responsibility for securing that adequate slaughterhouse facilities are available locally, and as the slaughterhouse is sited on the Council's housing estate at Skilling, this estate cannot be developed to its full extent.

Meat Inspection is carried out by the Public Health and Food Inspector.

Four licences to slaughter were issued to slaughtermen during the year.

Cysticercus Bovis.

9 cases were found in the slaughterhouse in cattle. In one case of localised infection, total condemnation was necessary, due to the owner's refusal to place the carcass in cold storage. Cysts have been found in the muscles of the jaw as well as in the heart and skirt. Efforts to try and trace possible sources of infection have met with no success.

Condemned Meat.

This is stained before leaving the slaughterhouse, and disposed of to two firms. One firm processes all it receives while the other utilises diseased meat untreated as animal food, a method of disposal which cannot be regarded as satisfactory. Most of the meat as opposed to offal, goes to this latter firm.

Carcasses and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part.

	Cattle Excluding Cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep & Lambs.	Pigs.	Horses.
Number killed.	475	50	97	1947	1208	-
Number inspected.	475	50	97	1947	1208	-
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis & Cysticerci.</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned.	1	-	1	2	3	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	119	14	1	19	19	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci.	25	28	2	1.07	1.82	-
<u>Tuberculosis only.</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned.	1	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	22	4	-	-	49	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis.	4.84	8	-	-	4.08	-
<u>Cysticercosis.</u>						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	9	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration.	8	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned.	-	-	-	-	-	-

Milk Supply.

No. of persons registered as distributors at end of 1956.....	5.
Distributors of milk residing within the Borough.....	3.
Distributors of milk residing outside the Borough but retailing within the Borough.....	2.
No. of premises registered as a dairy not being a dairy farm.....	3.
No. of milk shops inspected.....	3.
No. of inspections.....	15.
No. of Informal Notices.....	2.
No. of Dealers' licences for the Special Designation "Tuberculin Tested".....	1.
No. of supplementary licences for the Special Designation "Tuberculin Tested".....	3.
No. of Dealers' licences for the Special Designation "Pasteurised".....	1.
No. of supplementary licences for the Special Designation "Pasteurised".....	1.

Milk Sampling.

The following are the particulars of the 352 samples of milk taken in the district for analyses. These were taken by the Dorset County Council on behalf of the Borough Council.

Result.	Pasteurised.	T.T.	Total.
Passed.	335	7	342
Failed.	7	3	10

The Milk and Dairies Regulations 1949. Section 20.

It was not necessary to invoke these Regulations during the year,

Ice Cream.

No. of premises on the register for the :-	
(a) Manufacture of ice cream.....	1.
(b) Storage and sale of ice cream.....	43.
No. of ice cream premises inspected.....	43.

Practically all the ice cream retailed is pre-packed. 46 samples were taken for analyses and of these, 35 were in Grade 1, 6 in Grade 2, 1 in Grade 3, and 4 in Grade 4.

25 swabs were taken of ice cream servers, knives, counter tops and other utensils with greatly varying results, all stressing the need for care and cleanliness in this rapidly growing food business.

Food Premises Registered. Food and Drugs Act, 1955, Section 16.

For manufacture, sale or storage of ice cream.....	44.
Preparation or manufacture of sausages, or potted, pressed, pickled, or preserved food intended for sale.....	7.
Dairies registered under Milk and Dairies Regulations 1949..	3.

Condemned Food.

40 visits were paid to various food premises in order to condemn 741 lbs. of foodstuffs mostly canned. These were disposed of at the Council's refuse tip.

A great amount of time has been spent on detailed inspections of food premises in connection with the Food Hygiene Regulations 1955. These Regulations were generally well received by the trade and it is anticipated that most of the premises will comply by the summer of 1957.

Summary of Routine Inspections.

Type of Premises.	Number.	Visits.	Defects Found.	Defects Remedied.
Bakers.	10	17	9	3
Butchers.	8	55	8	6
Cafes.	21	59	20	7
Confectioners.	10	24	5	2
Dairies.	4	15	2	1
Fishmongers (wet)	4	18	3	1
" (Fried)	5	8	3	2
Greengrocers.	10	27	3	3
Grocers.	28	79	9	2
Kiosks.	10	88	10	10
Jam Factory.	1	1	1	-
Slaughterhouse.	1	260	1	-

49 Informal Notices were served during the year.

Clean Food Campaign.

No action was taken during the year.

HOUSING.

A great deal of work was carried out with the detailed inspection of houses during the year when 445 visits were made.

Inspections were concentrated mainly in the West Allington part of the town where two groups of properties have been represented as Clearance Areas, viz Magdalen Lane Clearance Area No. 1., consisting of 15 houses and Magdalen Lane Clearance Area No. 2., consisting of 4 houses.

In addition, 2 houses in Chancery Lane have been represented as a Clearance Area, and 3 closed under the provision of Section 10, Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953. In the Castle Square area, 21 houses owned by the Council are being made to comply with the standard of fitness.

There are still a great number of unfit houses in the Borough and strenuous efforts will be needed to make these properties fit or where this is impracticable, to secure their closure or demolition. With the current high cost of building, emphasis is laid upon the need to salvage houses wherever possible and it is felt that this can best be achieved by the use of improvement grants, and concentration on Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1936, for the repair of houses.

The Public Health Inspector reports "as each inspection has its attendant clerical needs it is considered that some clerical assistance will greatly facilitate this important work".

Inspection of Dwelling Houses.

No. inspected for housing defects.....	185.	No. of inspections...	445.
No. found in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.....	49.		
No. exclusive of those under the preceding sub-heading, not in all respects reasonably fit for habitation.....	115.		
No. rendered fit after Informal Action by Local Authority under the Housing Acts.....	28.		
" " Public Health Act.....	8.		

Action under Statutory Powers.

No. of Statutory Notices under Public Health Act. 1936.....	Nil.
" " " " " Housing Act. 1936. Sec. 9.10. & 16.....	Nil.
" " " " " " " " " 11. & 13.	Nil.
" " " " " " " " " 12.	Nil.

Under Sections 25 & 26 of the Housing Act. 1936, Official Representations were made to the Council in respect of 21 houses, 15 of these in the Magdalen Lane Clearance Area No.1., 4 houses in the Magdalen Lane Clearance Area No. 2., and 2 in the Chancery Lane Clearance Area. 3 houses were closed under Section 10 of the Local Government Act, 1953 (Miscellaneous Provisions) at Balaclava Place, 2, and Harbour Garage, 1..

Re-Housing.

No. of new houses completed during 1956 by :-	
(a) Local Authority (flats).....	8.
(b) Private Enterprise.....	13.
No. of new houses in course of construction at 31.12.56. by :-	
(a) Local Authority.....	Nil.
(b) Private Enterprise.....	12.

Post War Houses.

Completed by Local Authority (a) Houses.....	200	}	304.
(b) Flats.....	104		
Completed by Private Enterprise.....			108.
No. of houses owned by Local Authority :-			
Council built houses.....	507	}	600.
Other dwellings.....	93		

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS
AND OTHER DISEASES.

The incidence of notifiable Infectious Diseases was very low indeed.

There was one case of Poliomyelitis. This was in a visitor, aged 9 years, who was on holiday in the West Bay Camp Field.

There were no cases of Food Poisoning notified.

Close co-operation was maintained with the Head Teachers and School Nurses regarding the control of Infectious Diseases in schools.

Immunisation.

This is the responsibility of the Dorset County Council. When not performed by the child's own Doctor, immunisation is given at the schools and Child Welfare Centre.

69 children were given their primary inoculation against Diphtheria and Whooping Cough and 67 were given reinforcing doses against Diphtheria. 53 children were vaccinated against Smallpox and two re-vaccinated.

Immunisation against Poliomyelitis was commenced in May, of those children born in November, 1947 - 1954 and in March, 1951 - 1954 whose parents had consented, and where vaccine was available, children born in August, 1947 - 1954 were immunised. A total of 81 children completed the course of two injections. When sufficient vaccine is forthcoming all children whose parents agree will be treated.

B.C.G. Vaccination against Tuberculosis.

The County Council are also responsible for this vaccination. Children aged 13 years are tested, and when necessary, are vaccinated against Tuberculosis. These children are tested and immunised at the schools which they are attending.

The following is a table of those children who were immunised during the year and who were attending the Alfred Colfox school, which takes children from Bridport Borough, Bridport Rural District, and a few from Beaminster and Dorchester Rural Districts.

	Alfred Colfox School.
No. in age group.	134
No. of acceptances.	114
No. tested.	113
No. of positive reactors.	21
No. vaccinated.	92
C/F to next age group.	
(a) For retest	-
(b) Absentees	1

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT. 1948
Section 47. Removal of Persons in need of Care and
Attention to suitable premises.

There were no cases during the year where it was necessary to proceed under this Section of the Act.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING 1956.

DISEASES.	Total.	Under 1 year.	1	2	3	4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65 & over.
Acute Poliomyelitis (Paralytic)	1.	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Encephalitis (Post Infectious)	1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Measles.....	7.	-	1	1	-	-	4	-	-	-	1	-
Pneumonia.....	4.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1
Pulmonary Tuberculosis.....	5.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	3	-
Totals.	18.	-	1	1	-	-	5	-	1	3	6	1

QUARTERLY NOTIFICATIONS.

DISEASES.	Total.	1st. Quarter.	2nd. Quarter.	3rd. Quarter.	4th. Quarter.
Acute Poliomyelitis (Paralytic)	1.	-	-	1	-
Encephalitis (Post Infectious)	1.	-	-	1	-
Measles.....	7.	6	1	-	-
Pneumonia.....	4.	2	-	2	-
Pulmonary Tuberculosis.....	5.	1	2	-	2
Totals.	18.	9	3	4	2

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING 1938. 1940 - 1950

<u>DISEASE.</u>	1938	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
Diphtheria.....	1	16	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas.....	3	1	12	3	6	3	3	6	2	2	5	3	2	3	-	2	3	-
Scarlet Fever.....	3	6	11	9	10	5	3	5	11	4	9	16	2	1	16	2	-	-
Enteric Fever (Inc. Typhoid)...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia.....	1	-	3	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	2	1	1	-	-
Cerebro-Spinal Fever.....	-	7	2	-	-	5	-	2	3	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis.....	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	6	-	-	3	-	-	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum.....	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery.....	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Encephalitis Lethargica.....	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Pneumonia.....	7	3	4	4	1	-	1	1	-	1	4	2	14	5	10	11	3	4
Pulmonary Tuberculosis.....	7	-	7	8	2	6	5	4	8	5	-	2	6	1	6	1	4	5
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis.....	2	-	5	2	4	2	1	1	3	1	1	1	2	-	3	-	-	-
Measles.....	U.K. 129	91	15	17	12	185	5	2	85	3	162	45	3	5	2	377	7	-
Whooping Cough.....	U.K. 1	74	6	2	17	23	1	36	14	21	22	25	64	39	11	-	-	-
Totals.	24	163	210	52	43	52	222	25	66	114	44	216	98	79	83	30	387	18

TUBERCULOSIS.

<u>Age Periods.</u>	<u>New Cases notified during 1956.</u>				<u>Deaths during 1956.</u>			
	<u>Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>	
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
0- 4.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5-14.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-24.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
25-34.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35-44.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45-54.	2	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
55-64.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 & over.	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Total.	3	2	-	-	1	1	-	-

New Cases and Mortality.
1938 - 1956.

	<u>New Cases.</u>				<u>Deaths.</u>			
	<u>Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>	
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
1938.	4	3	-	2	2	1	-	-
1939.	5	3	-	1	2	1	-	-
1940.	4	3	1	1	3	1	-	1
1941.	2	3	1	4	2	3	-	1
1942.	7	3	1	1	1	2	-	1
1943.	-	2	2	2	2	3	-	1
1944.	6	2	2	-	-	1	1	-
1945.	4	1	-	1	1	-	-	-
1946.	4	-	1	-	-	-	1	1
1947.	4	4	2	1	2	-	1	-
1948.	2	3	-	1	-	2	-	1
1949.	-	-	1	-	3	-	-	-
1950.	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	-
1951.	3	3	1	1	1	-	-	-
1952.	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
1953.	4	2	2	1	1	-	-	-
1954.	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
1955.	2	2	-	-	1	-	-	-
1956.	3	2	-	-	1	1	-	-

	<u>Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>	
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
Total Cases on Register at end of 1955.	11	11	3	1
New Cases notified during 1956.	3	2	-	-
Cases from other areas who have come to live in the District.	3	1	-	-
Removals from District into other areas.	1	-	-	-
Removed from Register as Non-Tubercular.	-	-	-	-
Removed from Register - Cured.	1	2	-	1
Deaths during 1956.	1	1	-	-
Total on Register at end of 1956.	14	11	3	-

FACTORIES ACTS 1937 & 1948.

Part 1 of the Act.

1. INSPECTIONS for the Purposes of Provisions as to Health (including Inspections made by the Public Health Inspector).

Premises.	Number on Register.	Number of		
		In-spections.	Written Notices.	Occupiers Prosecuted.
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	4	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	72	27	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding Outworkers premises)	-	-	-	-
Total.	76	27	-	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

Particulars.	Number of cases in which Defects were found.				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
	Found.	Re- medied.	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector.	By H.M. Inspector.	
Want of cleanliness.	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding.	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature.	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation.	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors.	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork).	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-

Part VIII of the Act.

OUTWORK.

Sections 110 and 111

Nature of Work.	No. of Out-workers in August List reqd. by Sec. 110 (1) (c).	No. of cases of default in sending Lists to the Council.	No. of Prosecutions for failure to supply Lists.	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises.	Notices Served.	Prosecutions.
Wearing apparel.	2	-	-	-	-	-
Nets, other than wire nets.	290	-	-	-	-	-
Total.	292	-	-	-	-	-

BRIDPORT RIPARIAN LOCAL AUTHORITY.

Section 1 - Staff *

TABLE A.

Name of Officer.	Appointment.	Date of Appointment.	Qualifications and other appointments held.
Adam Armit.	Medical Officer of Health.	1937	M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., M.O.H. Boroughs of Bridport & Lyme Regis & Rural Districts of Bridport & Beaminster. Assistant County M.O. Dorset C.C..
D.H. Till.	Public Health Inspector.	23/1/56.	Public Health Inspector's Cert. Inspector of Meat & other Foods Cert..

Address and Telephone Number of the Medical Officer of Health.

Office - Council Offices, 32, South St., Bridport. Bridport 2301.
Home - "Braeside" 37, Burton Rd., Bridport. " 2566.

Section 11 - Amount of shipping entering the district during the year.

TABLE B.

Ships from.	Number.	Tonnage.	Number Inspected		Number of ships reported as having had during the voyage infectious disease on board.
			By the M.O.H.	By the P.H.I.	
Foreign Ports.	12	2760	3	5	Nil
Coastwise.	17	4115	1	-	Nil
Total.	29	6875	4	5	Nil.

Section 111 - Character of shipping and trade during the year.

TABLE C.

Passenger Traffic	{	Number of passengers INWARDS	- Nil.
	{	Number of Passengers OUTWARDS	- Nil.
Cargo Traffic	{	Principal IMPORTS	- Timber
	{	Principal EXPORTS	- Gravel.

Principal Ports from which ships arrive - Gruvons, Bolsta, Hamina, Gweek, Honfleur, Ostend.

Section 1V - Inland Barge Traffic - Nil.

Section V - Water Supply = NO CHANGE.

Section VI - Public Health (Ships) Regulations 1952. *

NO CHANGE. (Except (1)) List of Infected Areas. (Regulation 6.)

The Ministry of Health's weekly record of Quarantinable Diseases was received up to October, 1956. After which The World Health Organisation's weekly Epidemiological record was received.

Section VII - Smallpox.

- (1) Name of Isolation Hospital to which Smallpox cases are sent from the district.

Crabwood Smallpox Hospital, Nr. Winchester, Hants.

- (2) Arrangements for transport of such cases to that hospital.

Dorset County Ambulance Service.

- (3) Names of Smallpox Consultants available.

Dr. E.J. Gordon Wallace, and Dr. P. Hughes, of Weymouth, and Dr. C. Hollins of Dorchester,

- (4) Facilities of laboratory diagnosis of Smallpox.

Suspected Material is sent to - Virus Reference Laboratory, Central Public Health Laboratory, Colindale, London, N.W.9. Tel. No. - Colindale. 6041.

Section VIII - Venereal Disease. *

NO CHANGE.

Section IX - Cases of Notifiable and Other Infectious Diseases on ships.
TABLE D.

Category.	Disease.	Number of cases during the year		Number of shios concerned.
		Passengers.	Crew.	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Cases landed from other ships.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.

Section X - Observations on the occurrence of Malaria in ships - Nil.

Section XI - Measures taken against ships infected with or suspected for plague. - Nil.

Section Xll - Measures against rodents in ships from foreign ports.

- (1) Routine inspection in ships from foreign ports is made.
- (2) Arrangements for the bacteriological or pathological examination of rodents are made with the County Laboratory, Dorchester. No rats were sent during the year.

TABLE E.

Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports.

Category.	Number.
Black rats.....	Nil.
Brown rats.....	Nil.
Species not known.....	Nil.
Sent for examination.....	Nil.
Infected with plague.....	Nil.

TABLE F.

Deratting Certificates and Deratting Exemption Certificates issued during the year for ships from foreign ports.

No. of Deratting Certificates issued.					Number of Deratting Exemption Cert's Issued.	Total Cert's issued.
After fumigation with H.C.N.	Other fumigant (State Method)	After Trapping.	X After Poisoning.	Total.		
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.
Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.

X State Poisons used and No. of Cert's issued after each poison.

Section Xlll - Inspection of ships for nuisances.

TABLE G.
Inspection and Notices.

Nature and number of Inspections.		Notices served.		Result of Serving Notices.
		Statutory Notices.	Other Notices.	
British.	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
Foreign.	8	Nil	Nil	Nil
	9	Nil	Nil	Nil

Section XlV - Public Health (Shell-Fish) Regulations 1934 & 1948. X

NO CHANGE.

Section XV - Medical Inspection of Aliens. X

NO CHANGE.

Section XVI - Miscellaneous X

NO CHANGE.

